

City Neighborhood Council
Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2005

Attending: John Coney, Chair, Pete Spalding, Vice Chair, Bob Lucas, Matching Fund Committee Chair, Chris Leman, Budget Committee Chair, Ref Lindmark, Transportation Committee Chair, East District, SW District, SE District, NE District, NW District, Ballard District

Department Of Neighborhoods: Bernie Matsuno

Guests: Barbara Graff, Seattle Police Department Coordinator of Emergency Services, David Foster, Susan Crowley, OIR

Adopt/Correct October Minutes: Corrections to be sent by December 6.

Barbara Graff

The goal is to get people to identify and plan for problems. In order to do this the program attempts to:

- 1) Raise awareness so people know what to expect
- 2) Response is based on people in need.
- 3) Encourage people to have a minimum 75 hour plan for their family in case of emergency
- 4) Organize neighborhood teams

Block Watch captains could joint with SDART neighborhood representatives. CERT: Community Emergency Response Team training to be offered soon.

The Seattle Preparedness plan deals with consequences of emergency situations, such as rerouting traffic, providing shelter, etc.

Need to extend partnerships to employees, schools, etc.

David Foster, Susan Crowley, OIR

Priorities: Transportation, Education, Housing
Funding increasing for these areas.

Transportation Issues:

- Regional Transportation Authority and Funding
- Dismantling Monorail and paying debts
- Reauthorizing and Expanding Commute Trip Reduction and Transportation Demand Management programs.

Housing Issues

- Increasing the Homeless Families Services Fund by \$5 million with a long-term goal of \$15 million.
- Maintaining the level of funding in the Housing Trust Fund

- Adding tools, such as Tax Increment Financing and additional real estate excise tax (REET) authority to assist with affordable housing development
- Increasing funding for services to prevent people from becoming homeless, particularly comprehensive mental health services.

Seeking “wrap-around” services for the homeless. Difficulty in getting state funding for low-income housing in N Seattle due to high cost of land. \$120,000 per unit limit. Need to address this issue. Cost of liability insurance pushing up price of condo units. Tax increment financing – using property tax to fund housing. Washington State does not do. Looking into using sales tax monies. MVET money to be used for transit projects/roads? Used first for paying Monorail Authority debt. Monorail properties to go out for bid to highest bidder.

Education: not expecting much in upcoming session. Areas for consideration include lining up funding with outlined education goals, WASL as a graduation requirement, Special education funding, simple majority for levy votes, university level professors, increase quality of life science and technical classes at university level. Weekly OIR reports on web site. Capehart housing and Aquarium upgrades on capital funding list.

District Council Fairs – Pete Spalding

Holding events to attract new members. District Councils can’t apply for NMF funding. Combined forces with Megawatt in West Seattle to hold “Gathering of Neighbors” event last year. More than 350 people attended. This year gained corporate sponsorships to help fund. Arranged to have West Seattle High School site committee as a sponsor, to eliminate cost of space. Held on a Saturday from noon to 3 with 85 community booths and free food and entertainment. More than 500 community members attended. DON supported in non-financial ways. Surveys distributed; feedback very positive. Interactive game to enter raffle helped people get to know one another. DON encouraging all District Councils to do this.

District Events Planning, Funding through DON – Bob Lucas, Bernie Matsuno

District Coordinators have put forth a proposal to help with outreach. Each district would have some money to do some outreach, improve council meetings. Provide food, childcare, etc. Districts to provide plans for improving outreach and how money would be used. \$1,000 currently amount suggested. Yvonne has approved this concept. CNC is in favor of this category of funding. Funds would be available upon DON approval, sometime in 2006. Remind community groups within your districts that they can apply to Outreach Fund and Small and Simple.

Election of Officers

Slate of officers elected unanimously.

Chair: Pete Spalding

Vice-Chair: Chris Leman

Secretary: Pat Murakami

Budget Chair: Still open
NMF Chair: Bob Lucas
Transportation Chair: Andy McDonald
Neighborhood Planning Chair: Irene Wall

Committee Reports

Chair's Report

State of the Neighborhoods Summit

January 18, 2006, 6-9 p.m., Bertha Landes Room

Budget Committee

Citizens Budget Conference

January 28, 2006, Seattle Center House, 8:30 a.m.

City Budget passed. Library hours increased, increase to Neighborhood Street Fund, increase in police budget, sidewalks money. Bond and Levy measures to go on ballot to be decided by City Council. No public input process planned. Have asked them to include this. Chris will circulate agenda via e-mail.

Neighborhood Planning Committee

Met with Bernie Matsuno and Jason Wachs on updates to the NPI database which tracks plan implementation progress. Neighborhoods without plans are feeling slighted since they are not given equal priority for projects. How do these neighborhoods go about creating neighborhood plans? No money or staff available for this. Plan adopted as part of comp plan updates. Bernie supplied numbers on costs for previous plans. Committee looking at possibility of asking for money to do new plans or update existing plans.

Neighborhood Business Strategy: Hearing on December 5 relating to grocery store amendments. Council has broken up package into smaller parts. Parking summit a possibility.

Matching Fund Committee

Recruiting for CRT members. Request permission to send letters to DC Chairs asking to approve current rep, or appoint a new one. Letter to be sent in December.

Old/New Business

Next meeting is January 30. Will hold executive committee meeting to set agenda prior.

Meeting Adjourned

